



SECNAV unveils display dedicated to Captain Joseph K. Taussig

By Journalist 1st Class Joseph Gunder, Navy News Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig unveiled a display case featuring some of the artifacts from the life of the late retired Capt. Joseph K. Taussig Jr. at a Washington Navy Yard ceremony, May 30.

The former assistant deputy undersecretary for Safety and Survivability passed away in December and was being honored by the SECNAV for his work of the Navy's Safety and Survivability office. His uncanny ability to cut through red tape to provide needed safety gear to Sailors and Marines was legendary.

And it was tape that the SECNAV cut through to dedicate the new display case with various artifacts from Taussig's legacy. One of the more unusual items was a modified master chief's dress blue jacket, with captain's bars on the cuff of the right sleeve and 55 years worth of good conduct stripes on the left, representing all the years of his service to the fleet.

"He's very much remembered as a person," commented the SECNAV at the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "But the physical artifacts are a good way of recalling to us all what he accomplished and the way he accomplished it."

"You can look at the things in this case and see that he was a person who really

cared about Sailors and Marines. He was a person who got things done," said the SECNAV.

The very scissors used by the SECNAV to open the display were once used by Taussig to make a point to then-SECNAV John Lehman, if in a shocking way. Taussig walked into Lehman's office holding pair of scissors with a piece of cloth in the blades — and lit the cloth on fire, right inside the SECNAV's carpeted office. The cloth burned

immediately.

"What was that?" asked a startled SECNAV.

"That was Nomex," replied Taussig, "It's what we're using for our flight suits."

Taussig pulled out another piece of cloth, held it between the blades of the scissors and tried to burn that one too. It wouldn't ignite.

"This," said Taussig, "is what I want to use for our flight suits."

The new material,

"Kynol," was something commercially available, similar to what racing drivers and firefighters were using.

"He was really the match of the right guy with the right challenge, remarked retired Secretary of the Navy John Lehman about Taussig. "No one else was able to get so much personal safety gear out to the fleet in history."

"He had direct access to the CNO and the SECNAV

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Around the Fleet



Hospital Corpsmen attached to the USS Wasp Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) set up a field hospital during Exercise Dynamic Mix 2000 conducted off the coast of Kyparissia Bay, Greece.
U.S. Navy photo

CNO message commemorates 50th Anniversary of the Korean War

By CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The following is the text of a video message from Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay L. Johnson on the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. Copies of the video will be available from the Naval Media Center for use in local commemorations and events. The message will also be included in Navy/Marine Corps News, program 2000-25.

Contact CNO Public Affairs, (703) 697-9929 for more information.

"As we observe the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, we remember the enormous sacrifices and courageous determination of America's forces in defense of freedom.

"At the outset of the cold war, with the nation still weary from World War II, these warriors stepped into the

breach to defend freedom and security against the rising tide of communism. We must never forget the fierce bravery they demonstrated in places like Chosin, Inchon and Hamburger Hill.

"Our Navy and our nation will always be grateful for those who demonstrated America's strength and resolve and helped to secure the world we enjoy today."

Midway Night commemorations remember heritage, courage

By CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — U.S. Sailors around the world commemorated the Navy's spectacular victory at the Battle of Midway again this week.

Though Midway Night events have been hosted by a growing number of Navy commands for several years, this year's commemorations marked the first time the Battle of Midway is being officially observed Navy-wide. Last year, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Jay Johnson announced that beginning with the 2000 observance, June 4 would become as significant as October 13 — the Navy's birthday.

"Twice a year, we will pause as a Navy to reflect upon our proud heritage and to build in all hands a renewed awareness of our tradition and history," Johnson said.

According to the CNO, the continuing lesson of Midway is that people make the difference. "Midway was won, not by superior numbers or American technology, but by the courage and tenacity of Sailors who fought an intense air and sea battle against overwhelming odds," said Johnson.

Commands celebrated the 58th anniversary of the battle with "dining in" events, tours, and appropriate commemoration activities. Also scheduled were events designed to inform the civilian community about Midway's legacy.

During the famous battle 58 years ago, the U.S. Navy sank four Japanese aircraft carriers and a heavy cruiser, and downed 253 Japanese



planes. The Americans lost one carrier, a destroyer and approximately 150 aircraft. The losses so decimated the Japanese fleet that it was never able to regain the offensive, turning the tide of the war in the Pacific.

The Naval Historical Center has added a Midway Night web page to its site <http://www.history.navy.mil>, which includes historical information, regional points of contact, and listings of Midway veterans groups.

Sigonella Sailors honor fallen heroes in France

By Chief Journalist(SW) Priscilla Kirsh, NAS Sigonella Public Affairs

SIGONELLA, Sicily (NNS) — Sailors from Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, traveled to France to represent U.S. Naval Forces Europe at a Memorial Day service to honor 861 American heroes who never returned home from World War II.

The 44 Sigonella Sailors, comprising of an honor guard, color guard and rifle team performed for over 500 participants at the Rhone American National Cemetery in Draguignan, France.

Many in the audience had traveled from the United States to remember either their family or comrades who fell during the greatest war of this century.

For the Sailors, it was a chance to give something back to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"We took Sailors from commands throughout the base and trained them for this ceremony," said Aviation Support

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New notification process for CDR selection and continuation boards

By Lynette S. Williams, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWS) — As a result of a new notification process, individual results of the FY01 O-5 Active Line Promotion and Continuation boards were distributed to flag officers in command and command-level officers 48 hours before being released to the Fleet.

The new notification process became effective June 5. Early release of the promotion and continuation board results provides senior leaders with advanced notice enabling them to notify officers eligible for promotion of the results. Senior leaders can then provide

appropriate personal and career counseling for those selected for promotion, those not selected for promotion and those selected for continuation.

The Commander promotion and continuation board results were released to the Fleet in ALNAV 048/00 by the Secretary of the Navy, June 7.

Flag officers in command and command-level officers can obtain 48-hour advanced access to only those UICs for which they are the direct reporting senior in accordance with the fitness report instruction.



Flag officers in command and command-level officers must establish a BUPERS Access account to receive board results. Instructions concerning establishing accounts can be found at <http://www.bupersaccess.navy.mil>.

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Equipment Technician 2nd Class Charles Baugh, training petty officer for the teams. "It was very rewarding to see everyone come together as a team and represent the Navy and the United States at such an important event."

Upon arrival at the cemetery, the Navy teamed up with members of the U.S. Air Force and the French military as participants. The ceremony took place in a cemetery lined with white crosses and markers, each representing a service member who gave his life during the war.

"This ceremony was more than I ever expected it to be," commented Steelworker 2nd Class Stephanie Demson-Hopkins, who served on Sigonella's eight-

member rifle team. "I was honored to be part of the team that rendered the 21-gun salute, and I will never forget it."

Many Sailors who participated in the ceremony found it unique to perform with members of other services.

"I was proud to be standing in ranks as a member of the honor guard and to look across and see the French honor guard there as well," said Machinist's Mate 1st Class Ron Anders.

Memorial Day has a special meaning for those Sigonella Sailors after their part in the ceremony.

"For me to participate in a ceremony like this brought Memorial Day into perspective," said Utilitiesman 1st Class Clifford Jackson. "It's not just a day off to gather

with families and friends. Every American should be grateful for the sacrifices our comrades made."

For Demson-Hopkins, the most special part of the ceremony was when a man walked up to the Sailors who had gathered in the cemetery after it was over. "He took us over to one of the headstones there as a group and said, 'Thank you so much for what you did today on behalf of my brother who died during the war.'"

"It was nice to give something back to those who paid the ultimate price for freedom," said Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Joseph Anderson.

For more information about beautiful Sigonella, "the hub of the Med," go to <http://www.sicily.navy.mil>.

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and that made bureaucrats scared," added Lehman. "But he knew how to use that crown of power wisely."

Taussig was also known for the fact that when he retired from the Navy in 1954, he was, at age 34, the youngest captain in the Navy. What makes his rise in rank even more incredible was the fact that he did it all with only one leg. His left leg took a direct hit while he manned his anti-aircraft gun on board USS Nevada (BB 36) during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

During his civilian service as assistant deputy undersecretary for Safety and Survivability, he made many contributions to the Navy, ultimately lowering annual costs from fire damage from \$180 million to \$1 million.

He implemented the "Self Contained Breathing Apparatus" (SCBA), the successor to the old "Oxygen Breathing Apparatus" (OBA). He also helped deliver the "Helicopter Emergency Egress Device" (HEED), which provides two minutes of emergency air. The HEED has saved more than 140 lives since its introduction in 1986.

Navy announces redesigned recruiting web site

By OASD (public affairs)

WASHINGTON (NNS) — As part of its continuing effort to harness the power of the Internet for recruiting, the Navy Recruiting Command has unveiled a newly revised NavyJobs.com web site at <http://www.navyjobs.com>.

"One of our primary objectives is to have a more prominent web presence," said Rear Adm. Barbara McGann, commander, Navy Recruiting Command. "This upgrade is the first of many ongoing improvements towards realizing that objective."

Enhanced multimedia features of the upgraded site include downloadable videos and Navy digital images.

NavyJobs.com has nearly doubled its productivity in generating leads and contracts over the past year. As of May 29, Navyjobs.com has produced 89,928 recruiting leads for the fiscal year compared to 45,457 at the same point last

year. Recruiting contracts resulting from NavyJobs.com are 3,949 this fiscal year versus 2,381 at the same point last year. The Navy expects even better results from the newly redesigned site.

"The next generation of young adults, known as "Generation Y" or "Echo Boomers," are very adept navigators of the Internet," said McGann. "Our redesigned NavyJobs.com web site will become an even better venue to reach out and tell them — in their medium of choice — about the great opportunities the Navy offers."

The Navy is making NavyJobs.com more of an informative and interactive site for its visitors.

"Eventually, our online recruiters and the NavyJobs.com site will combine to form one resource center," said Lt. Cmdr. Nick Dodge, director of the Navy's

Electronic Recruiting Division. "I want the web site to attract visitors, educate and train, and ultimately process interested individuals for officer and enlisted programs."

"The challenge of recruiting is hard enough. Having a highly developed web page to help market the Navy is a key element in the high-tech computer environment of today and tomorrow," said Steve Batiz, vice president of Batiz.com, designer of the site.

Batiz says the creative ideas behind the design of the web site are intended to make it a great tool for a very diverse market, from children under 15 to parents, college

graduates, professionals and Navy veterans.

The Navy intends to make additional updates several times during the summer.

"We will be updating this site approximately every eight weeks with new information, features, and material," said Dodge. "I would like this site to be a place everyone can come and learn about the Navy."

For more information about the Navy Recruiting Command, go to <http://www.cnrc.navy.mil>.



In naval history: June 13, 1942

Long Range Navigation Equipment (LORAN) was given its first airborne test from a K-2 airship (blimp).

In a flight from Lakehurst, N.J., the LORAN was able to accurately determine the airship's position as it passed over several objects. The success of those tests led the Navy to take immediate action to obtain LORAN equipment.

Submarine Centennial history: June 11, 1943

USS R-12 (submarine No. 89) is lost off the coast of Key West, Fla., from uncontrolled flooding in the battery compartment during a torpedo exercise. There were 42 souls on board.

USS R-12 was commissioned in Boston, Mass., on 1919. The sub was decommissioned in 1932, and later recalled to active duty in 1940, spending much of its time patrolling the approaches to the Panama Canal and operating between Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Key West.

For more information about the Submarine Centennial visit <http://www.navy.mil> and click on Submarine Centennial.

On Navy/Marine Corps News

Look for the following stories and more on next week's show:

- * The Secretary of the Navy unveils a memorial to retired Capt. Joseph Taussig, Pearl Harbor Veteran, at the Washington Navy Yard;
- * The Navy's two nuclear power schools celebrate the graduation of 100,000 students;
- * Sailors and Marines deploy to Kenya, Africa to participate in the humanitarian assistance exercise, "Natural Fire;"
- * Take a look at the quality of life, duty, and liberty for Sailors stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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